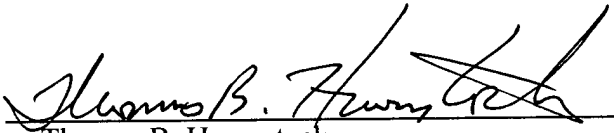


**REMARKS**

Prior to the above amendments, claims 1-29 and 33-44 were pending in the application. An Office Action dated December 21, 2005 allowed claims 26-29 and 33-44, and rejected claims 1-25. Accordingly, please cancel Claims 1-25. We look forward to the prompt receipt of a Notice of Allowability, placing claims 26-29 and 33-44 in condition for allowance.

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